

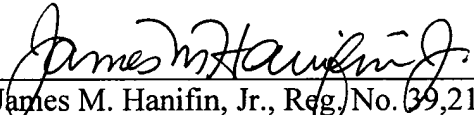
the foregoing, Applicants have elected species 11. Claims 1-10 correspond to the elected species.

Having made the foregoing election, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims and species. A favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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